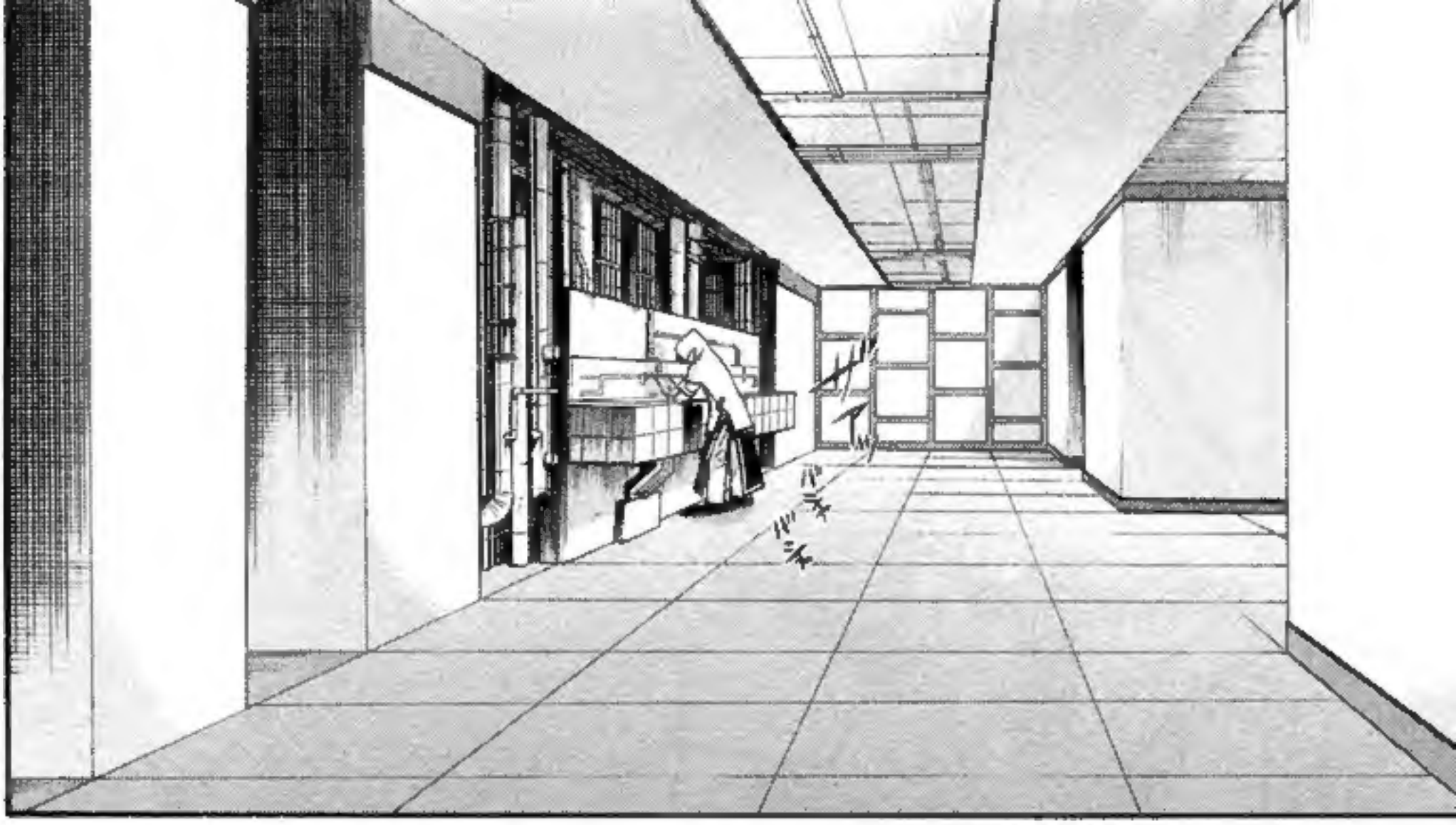
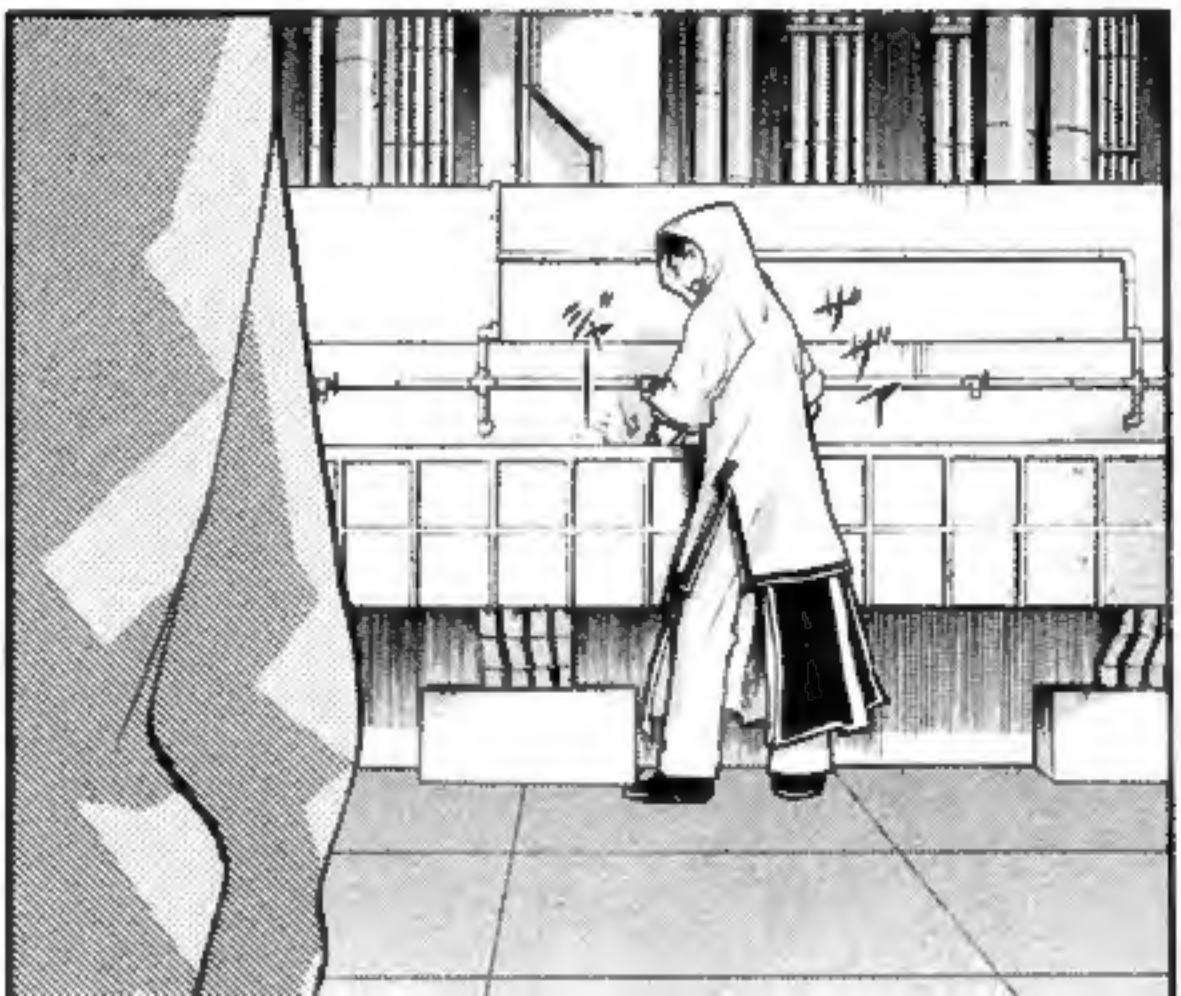
CHAPTER 27:
ESPECIALLY AT THE END OF THE PATH NOT AVOIDED





DO THEY HURT?

I NEVER IMAGINED YOU WOULD ASK ME FOR A FAVOR.

SO WHEN YOU ACTUALLY DID AFTER YOUR FIRST MATCH, I WAS REALLY SURPRISED.

GLANCE

BUT I'M ALSO IMPRESSED THAT YOU KNOW RIN IS A SPELL-CASTER.

BUT WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO IF YOUR NEXT MATCH WASN'T AGAINST RIN?

WELL IT DOES TAKE A WHILE TO PUT THOSE IN FOR SURE.

...SO THIS IS HOW FAR YOU'LL GO IN ORDER TO WIN.

I'D FIGHT THE REG-ULAR WAY, WARRIOR TO WARR-IOR...

... IF THAT HAD BEEN THE CASE ...

EH?

YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.

OR RATHER ...

WHICH IS WHY I EXPECTED YOU TO LOSE TO AKIRA.

BUT I WAS WRONG.

I THOUGHT YOU ENTERED THIS TOURNAMENT JUST FOR FUN.

'CAUSE

I DON'T CONSIDER THOSE FUN ENOUGH TO GET...

JUST FOR THE THRILL OF IT.

I DON'T THINK YOU ARE THAT FAR OFF.

REALLY?

AND PROVE THAT I'M THE BEST.

I WILL WIN ...

...I... DON'T HAVE ANY HUGE AMBI-TIONS OR ANY-THING.

BUT... I WILL WIN THIS TOURNA-MENT.

AKIRA WAS DEBAT-ING WHET-HER HE SHOULD ENTER AT FIRST.

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YOU KNOW ...

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BUT... WHEN HE HEARD YOU WERE EN-TERING, THAT DECIDED IT FOR HIM.

I MEAN, IT SEEMED VERY LIKELY THAT IF HE ENTERED, AK-IRA WOULD EASILY TAKE THE SECOND PLACE.

HE WONDE-RED WHY SAKURABA WOULD SET SUCH A CON-DITION.

HE KEPT SAYING "THIS REALLY AWESOME FELLOW'S ENLISTING

AKIRA WAS THE ONE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOU JOINING THE VIUS THE MOST, HIBIKI.

"IF I'M GOING TO BE GETTING SAKURABA'S NOMINATION, I'VE GOT TO AT LEAST BE ABLE TO BEAT HIBIKI", HE SAID.

"IF HE'S ENTERING, THAT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT STORY."

THOSE ...

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IF RIN HAPPENS TO BE A TRINUS, YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK.

THEY DO HAVE SOME PUNCH, BUT THEY CAN ONLY GO SO FAR WITH MY MEAGER ABILITIES, YOU KNOW.

"TRI-NUS?"

THE MYST-ERRIOUS SPELL CAS-TER OF TR-OOP HI-DAKA.

NO ONE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT SHE OR HE LO-OKS LIKE.

A HIGH MASTER AMONG HIGH MA-STERS.

AS IN, SOME-ONE LIKE ME...

HAS ABSO-LUTELY NO CHANCE AGAINST.

THEN PRAY FOR ME SHE ISN'T.

HEY.

JAB.

EARLIER, YOU SAID SOME-THING ABOUT PROVING YOU'RE THE BEST?

PROVE TO WHOM?

OTHER THAN ME.

EVERY-ONE.

…!?

MUMBLE

MUMBLE

MUMBLE

RIN'S …

CAPTAIN, THE SEC-OND SEMI-FINAL MA-TCH IS ABOUT TO BE-GIN.

PROBE WHERE THE TWO OF THEM ARE?

UNLESS THEY CALL OUT TO ME, I CAN'T HEAR THEIR VOICES.

I CAN'T, CAPTAIN, I'M NOT SUPPOSE TO WALK AROUND THE MAIN HALL.

BUT CAN'T YOU...

3"

3"

3"

RIN!

KAZUMA?

WAH!

!

SEE YOU IN THE FINAL MATCH ...

I AM GOING TO SETT-LE THESE PAST SIX YEARS TODAY.

...YEAH.

RIN... SHE'S CHA-NGED, NO?

...

VERSUS RIN KYOKO OF SQUAD EIGHT!

MATCH SIX

HIBIKI MASA-MUNE OF SQUAD SIX ...

I'M FINE

YOU LOOK A LITTLE PALE. ARE YOU FEELING WELL?

A DEFENSIVE SPELL CASTING TOOL... YOU CAME WELL PREPARED.

BUT UNLIKE JIN FROM EARLIER ...

TRUE HIGH MASTERS

ARE THOSE WHO ARE BORN BEARING A "WHITE CHANNEL PORE".

I AM A HIGH MASTER.

BY THE WAY ...

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WE HIGH MASTERS HAVE ALREADY ATTACKED ONCE OUR THOUGHTS HAVE FORMED.

UNLIKE YOU REGULAR WARRIORS WHO ATTACK AFTER YOU THINK

WHICH IS WHY THEY HAVE NO NEED TO EITHER USE SPELL CASTING TOOLS OR WEAVE SIGNS.

JUST AS A SPRING BUBBLES FROM A HOLE IN THE GROUND ...

HIGH MASTERS SIPHON OFF THE POWER OF SPELLS FROM THEIR WHITE CHANNEL.

I DON'T CARE MUCH FOR EXPLANATIONS.

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WHAT IS YOUR REASON?

I CAME HERE BECAUSE I WANTED TO BATTLE KAZUMA

IN SHORT, FIGHTING ME IS LIKE FIGHTING THREE HIGH MASTERS SIMULTANEOUSLY.

YOU CANNOT WIN AGAINST ME.

I AM CALLED TRINUS.

BECAUSE I WAS BORN WITH THREE OF THE WHITE CHANNEL PORES THAT YOU USUALLY GET ONE OF.

!?

TRINUS!?

BUT IT IS NOT SHAME-FUL TO LOSE TO ME.

WHAT?

SHE SAID SHE'S A HIGH MASTER?

TRI-NUS.

SO SHE'S THE RUM-ORED.

IF RIN HAPPENS TO BE TRINUS, YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK.

BEGIN!

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NO MATTER HOW SAFE IT IS, WE SHOULD NOT LET OUR GUARD DOWN.

PLEASE TAKE COVER BEHIND ME LADIES.

YOU'RE BLOCKING MY VIEW FOOL!

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SO THIS... IS A HIGH MASTER'S POWER, HUH?

WOW.. THERE'S NO TIME TO BREATH.

THESE CONTIN-UOUS ATTACKS ..

HASN'T SHE DEFEATED HER OPPONENT ALREADY?

THERE ARE NO SPELL CASTERS IN THIS CITY WHO CAN WIN AGAINST TRINUS.

PLEASE DON'T GROUP HER WITH THE REST OF US.

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UGH.

THAT SPELL CASTER... SO MANY SPELLS AND SHE ISN'T EVEN OUT OF BREATH!
WHAT IS UP WITH THEM?
AND THAT KID, YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE HIS MOVE-MENTS!

NICE BLOCK.

STILL GOT PLENTY TO SPARE, EH.

YOU ARE FORMI-DABLY QUICK WHEN IT COMES TO RUNNING AWAY FROM THINGS.

FEH.

I COULD TELL FROM YOUR MATCH WITH AKIRA TOO. .

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IT IS POINTLESS. I STILL HAVE LOADS OF ENERGY.

IF YOU ARE RUNNING AROUND WAITING FOR ME TO GET TIRED...

DARN IT!

...

YOU OUGHT TO CONSIDER YOUR OWN STAMINA FIRST

YES. THIS IS HER FIRST PUBLIC APP-EARANCE.

FIRST TIME I'M SEEING HER TOO.

SO THAT IS TRINUS. I HEARD SOME YEARS AGO THAT ONE HAD APPEARED IN MIKUNI, BUT.

SHE'S AMA-ZING

RIGHT NOW . 50-50, A TOSS UP.

HOWEVER

SO HOW DO YOU SEE THIS MATCH ENDI-NG?

EALIER YOU SAID THAT BOY IS A POS-SIBLE FI-NALIST.

FATIGUE WILL QUICKLY LEAD TO HIS DEFEAT.

IF HE CAN'T GAIN GROUND ON HER.

HIS CHANCES OF VICTORY ARE EXTRE-MELY SMALL.

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO BLOCK SPELLS WITH ONE'S BARE HANDS, SO HIBIKI NOT BEING A SPELL CASTER CAN ONLY CON-TINUE TO RUN.

BUT TO KEEP AVOIDING SUCH HEAVY ATTACKS ALSO REQUIRES GREAT PHYSICAL ABILITIES.

HMM ...

BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK?

BY ALL RIGHTS, RIN SHOULD WIN.

...SIR?

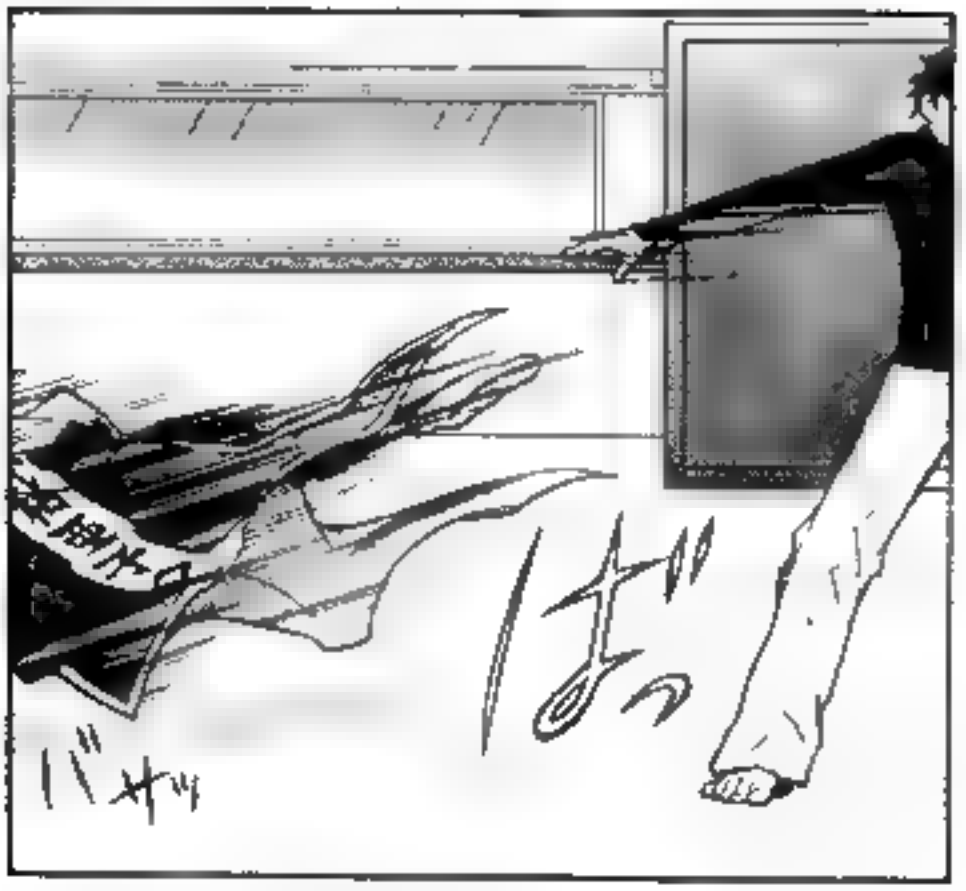
ME...

HE... IS A COMPLETELY UNREAD-DABLE WARRIOR.

HE CAN DO ALMOST ANYTHING.

I HAVE BEEN WATCHING HIM FOR A FEW YEARS NOW...

BUT HIS HIDDEN POTENTIAL AMAZES ME.



THE LOOK OF SOMEONE WHO DOES-N'T KNOW RETREAT

YOUR EYES HAVE QUITE THE LOOK.

ARE YOU POSSIBLY SQUAD ONE'S .

NOW THAT I THINK OF IT .. HIBIKI MASAMUNE ..

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WHOA!

THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME DISPLAY.

TO SEE SUCH AMAZING SPELLS USED SO CASUALLY.

MIST SWAL-LOWING SOLDIER.

EMERALD MIRROR.

POLY-GONAL CAGE.

HE'S GOT HER!

I TOLD YOU, I AM TRINUS!

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HUFF

HUFF

HE'S AT HIS LIMIT.

HMM.

YOU CHOSE TO DEFEND THAT ATTACK TOO.

THEY ARE

JUST LIKE..!

THEY ARE UNREADABLE. THAT'S RIGHT

HIS MOVEMENTS.. THEY ARE CONTINUOUSLY CHANGING,

HOWEVER

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NOW I RE-MEM-BER ...

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE HER PATTERN SOON.

SHE IS STILL ONLY HUMAN.

TRINUS OR NOT ...

WHAT!?

THAT'S WHY!

I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANYONE ELSE WHO COULD MOVE JUST LIKE KAZUMA.

YOU'RE THE GENIUS WARRIOR WHO QUALIFIED FOR SQUAD ONE EXCEPT-TIONALLY FAST!

IT APPEARS MY FATE IS TO BE EXPOSED AGAINST SUCH OPPO-NENTS.

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I SAW IT..

AGAIN.

I WAS PRAISED AND CODDLED BY SOME, AND ENVIED BY OTHERS, BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT .

I GREW UP WITHOUT QUESTIONING THE BELIEF MY TALENTS WERE SPECIAL..

WAS BELIEVED TO BE A PRODIGY, RAISED WITH GREAT HOPE AND EXPECTATIONS.

I TOO.. LONG AGO ..

THE FEELING THAT YOU ARE NOTHING

HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT, NO?

SURPRIS-INGLY, I, MYSELF, WAS DISSATISFIED.

I WAS UNABLE TO SEE MY PATH OR WHAT I WANTED

A SURPRISE ATTACK!

THIS IS MY CHANCE!

IT IS SAID THAT SPELL CASTERS CAN SEE THINGS OTHERS CAN'T.

THAT DAY... I SAW IT...

THE IMAGE OF MYSELF BEING SLAUGHTERED...

BY KAZUMA WHEN I WENT TO STOP HIM!

ME, THE "GENIUS". WHAT A JOKE.

...IT PARALYZED ME.

AND THE REALITY THAT WAS IN FRONT OF ME.

EITHER WAY, I FLED FROM MY DUTY...

OR JUST PHANTOM THAT GOT MY FEAR...

WHETHER THAT WAS A TRUE VISION...

FIST COMING AT ME.

THIS YOUTH'S...

NOW I SEE IT AGAIN.

BECAUSE THE PATH I WANT IS AT THE END OF THE PATH I CANNOT AVOID!

BUT THIS TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT!

THIS IS IT!

THOSE ARE...

SPELL-BRANDS!

THESE SPELL-BRANDS CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE, SO USE THEM CAREFULLY!

"UNLEASHED"

A DIRECT HIT!?

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WHAT I HAD WANTED

AAH...

THIS IS IT.

FIZZ
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THE WINNER IS,

HIBIKI MASA-MUNE!

PANT

PANT

I WON.

AS YOU ARE THE FIRST MAN TO DEFEAT ME.

I WANT TO SEE YOU FIGHT KAZUMA.

SEE IF YOU CAN BEAT HIM.

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MORE INCREDIBLE THAN HIM.

YOU'RE ...

YOU STILL ...

DO NOT KNOW KAZUMA.

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AND MIKUNI WILL FALL.

VIUS WILL BE HELPLESS

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HO HO HO ...

NOW EAT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.

ONCE THESE SPELLS ARE GONE...

MIKUNI'S WALLS WILL CRUMBLE DOWN.

NOTE:
THIS TRANSLATION WAS FOUND SOMEHWERE ON THE INTERNET.
UNFORTUNATELY WE WERE UNABLE TO FIND THE SOURCE.
IF YOU PERHAPS KNOW WHO TRANSLATED THIS, PLEASE NOTIFY HIM THAT WE USED IT, AND THAT WE CAN IMMEDIATLY REMOVE IT IF HE DID NOT WANT US TO USE IT. (AND IF THIS WAS THE CASE, THEN WE ARE SORRY) THANK YOU.

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